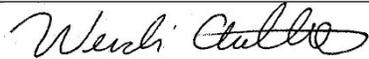


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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEAS GENERAL MEMORANDUM (GM)	
DATE:	March 30, 2020
TO:	Deborah Scheetz, Director, Division of Long Term Supports and Services; Nursing Facility Providers, Hospitals, KEPRO
FROM:	Wendi Aultman, Bureau Chief, Elderly and Adult Services
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SUBJECT:	COVID-19 Emergency Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASRR) Level I and Level II and Medicaid Long Term Supports and Services
GM NUMBER:	20-12 GM
EFFECTIVE DATE:	March 1, 2020
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MEMORANDUM SUMMARY	
The purpose of this memorandum is to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide statewide guidance to LTSS providers about PASRR in light of the COVID-19 Emergency. 	

On March 18, 2020, DHHS received approval for its [1135 Waiver](#) request from Medicaid. This approval provides authority for the Department to suspend Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASRR) Level I and Level II Assessments. .

Will PASRR Level I and Level II be required for those applying for Medicaid funded LTSS?

- Level 1 screenings and Level II assessments are waived temporarily for nursing home residents with a mental illness and/or intellectual disability.
- All new admissions to a nursing home can be treated like exempted hospital discharges.
- As soon as resources become available and as soon as visitors are permitted to enter long term care facilities, a PASRR Level 1 screening for all new admissions to a nursing home with

mental illness (MI) or intellectual disability (ID) must be submitted. Then, if indicated from the Level 1 screening, they should receive a PASRR Level 2.

- New preadmission Level I and Level II screens are not required for residents who are being transferred between nursing facilities (NF), the current PASRR Level 1 and Level 2 if applicable will follow them. If a significant change occurs, a request for a resident review should be submitted as soon as resources become available and as soon as visitors are permitted to enter long term care facilities.
- Details related to interstate PASSR will be shared in future guidance.
- Details of the 1135 waiver request can be found at this link:
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/medicaid/documents/nh1135request031820.pdf>
- If provider agencies have questions they can direct them to the contact people below. Brendan and Anne will bring all comments and questions forward to BEAS.
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